

## **Local Technical Assistance**

### **Design Review Committee**

The Historical Zoning Commission elects a 3-member Design Review Committee (DRC) from its membership. The DRC reviews projects and provides non-binding feedback and recommendations to the applicant and the Commission. This Collaborative process with the applicant, committee members and staff helps to streamline the design review process by resolving most design issues prior to review by the full commission. Please contact the HPO when you begin planning a proposed project to see if a visit to the DRC would be beneficial.

### **Public Education Programs**

Throughout the year, the City's preservation program hosts various education symposiums that deal with various preservation topics including:

- Economic Benefits of Historic Preservation
- Researching Your Historic Home
- Rehabilitating Your Historic House
- Protecting Historic Structures
- Historic Zoning and The Historic Zoning Commission

### **Publications**

*Property Answer Book: Everything You Needed to Know & Never Knew Whom to Ask.* Published by the City of Franklin, this detailed booklet guides citizens through the process of identifying historic structures, researching their history and restoring their historic features. In addition, it explains the different levels of designation and protection for historic structures and incentives for preservation and common preservation terms. The book is available for Franklin citizens free of charge and can be picked up in the Planning Department office in City Hall.

*Managing Growth and Change to Preserve Our Historic Neighborhoods:* This pamphlet describes the purpose and functions of the Historic Zoning Commission and the historic zoning process. This pamphlet is available in the Planning Department office in City Hall.

*Franklin's Design Guidelines Manual* was created to assist owners and tenants of historic buildings to maintain, preserve and enhance the character of their property. The guidelines are also intended to assist architects, engineers, contractors and others involved in maintaining and enhancing the buildings, open spaces and landscapes within the historic districts to plan and implement projects that preserve and enhance the character of those districts. Copies of the manual can be obtained in the Design Review section of the City's preservation website.